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For:	ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A MULTILAYER BLENDED CORE AND A METHOD OF FORMING		

**Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2)
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/854,361 filed May 11, 2001 by Robert R. Kirk et al.
"Absorbent Article Having a Multilayer Absorbent Core."

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This application is not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, a copy of this application is provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

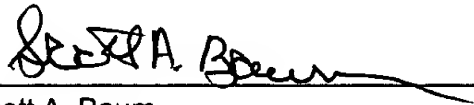
The Applicants originally submitted the documents identified herein on August 31, 2001, and the Applicants have received a stamped post card indicating receipt; however, the Examiner has indicated that copies of the art cited in the previously submitted IDS were not received. Therefore, the Applicants are resubmitting the documents identified on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner.

As the Applicants are merely forwarding copies of previously submitted documents, no fee is believed due. Nonetheless, should the PTO believe a fee to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account no. 11-0875. A duplicate of this authorization is attached.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-7760.

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